

House Resolution No. 3661

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Wally Lage has attained considerable distinction as vice president of the Southeast Missourian and chief operating officer for Rust Communications, leadership callings that he will draw to a close in eighteen months while remaining on staff as a consultant; and

Whereas, on September 11, 2008, Wally Lage will enhance his already impressive record of accomplishments when he is inducted into the Missouri Press Hall of Fame at the Missouri Press Association's 142nd annual convention; and

Whereas, Wally Lage entered the field of journalism in 1966 when he was drafted into the military as a First Lieutenant and was stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama, where he founded the Fort McClellan News; and

Whereas, Wally Lage subsequently earned a Master's degree at the University of Missouri Journalism School in 1971 while simultaneously working at the Boonville Daily News; and

Whereas, Wally Lage worked as a sports editor, editor, assistant publisher, and publisher at the Boonville Daily News; publisher of free publications in Jefferson City and Columbia; and founder of several weekly newspapers during his tenure with Winsor Newspapers of Canton, Illinois; and

Whereas, after serving as vice president of newspaper operations for the Paxton Media Group and as a general manager of the Paducah Sun, Wally Lage began working for Rust Communications in 1993; and

Whereas, since joining Rust Communications, Wally Lage has helped the company acquire or start up fifty newspapers in eight states:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Wally Lage for induction into the Missouri Press Hall of Fame and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Wally Lage of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3661, adopted July 21, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker